

## **WCBS-TV Quarterly Issues/Program Report – October 10, 2016**

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect Channel 2's significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

Time period of day, day of week, source and format descriptions follow the first appearance of the broadcast name. Date references refer to broadcast days. All times given are approximate.

### **Programs**

CBS 2 News This Morning, CBS 2 News at Noon, CBS 2 News at 5:00, CBS 2 News at 6:00, CBS 2 News at 11:00, CBS 2 News Saturday, CBS 2 News Sunday - Regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events.

60 Minutes - Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m.

Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled half hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

McLaughlin Group - Regularly scheduled half-hour show featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. This program was broadcast up through August 16, 2016. Sunday, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

48 Hours – Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 10 - 11 p.m.

“Health Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on health related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health related topics.

“Money Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on the latest in the economy along with tips and ways to save money.

Public Service Announcements- WCBS-TV continues its tradition of airing and sponsoring PSAs. PSAs in rotation stem from various organizations such as, Susan G. Komen Greater NYC, Marcum Workplace Challenge, JDRF, Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, CASA Family Day, Partnership for Drug Free Kids, A Safer City, The Make-A-Wish-Foundation of Metro New York, Food Bank NYC, New York City Department of Transportation Vision Zero, New Alternatives for Children, City Harvest, Texting and Driving, Project Roadblock (drunk driving prevention), Ad Council, and United Way.

**Health:** Topics in this category include: An outbreak of the Mumps in Nassau County; First known case of the Zika Virus transmitted from a female to a male in New York City; First baby born with defects due to the Zika Virus in NYC; According to a survey conducted at Rutgers University tanning bed use has increased.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 7/11 Anchor Mary Calvi reports that the New York Health Department statistics prove that vaping is on the rise. According to a new survey more than 530 thousand adults have tried e-cigarettes. Vaping is most popular on Staten Island with nearly 12 percent of adults using e-cigarettes. 7/25 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports officials in New Jersey have found mosquitos carrying the West Nile Virus in Monmouth County. As a precaution crews began spraying in the areas of Atlantic Highlands, Middletown, Lake Como, Wall Township, Spring Lake Heights and Spring Lake. The West Nile Virus can cause fever and an inflammation of the brain. 8/3 Anchor Mary Calvi reports the Centers for Disease Control is issuing a travel warning advising pregnant women to avoid the Wynwood Area of Miami where 14 people have contracted the Zika virus from local mosquitos. One other person is said to have been infected just outside that zone and now New York is taking steps to keep those mosquitos away. More than 500 people have the Zika virus in New York now, though no one contracted it here. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 7/13 Reporter Alex Denis reports on a new study that claims there are new health benefits to children who suck their thumb. The Journal of Pediatrics reported that children who bite their nails or suck their thumbs are about one third less likely to develop certain allergies such as cat dander, grass or dust. Doctors do recommend children stop sucking their thumb by the age of 4. 8/3 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a Mumps outbreak in Nassau County. 18 cases have been reported in the Long Beach area. The majority of the patients are in their 20's and 30's and most have been vaccinated but doctors think this could be a new strain of the virus that is not covered by the standard MMR vaccine. It is recommended for the best protection doctors recommend two doses of the Mumps vaccine. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 7/20 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on an increase in tanning bed use by teenagers. A survey conducted by Rutgers University found teens are using tanning beds at a higher rate even after the law made it illegal for kids under the age of 17. The survey showed 6.7 percent of teens used tanning beds the year before the law passed in 2013 and the year after the ban, the number increased to 6.9 percent. The study concluded the use stayed the same among girls but increased three percent in boys. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 7/15 Medical Reporter Max Gomez reports on the first known case of the Zika virus that was transmitted from a female to a male through sexual intercourse in New York City. The unidentified woman had traveled to an area where Zika is widespread. Upon her return she was intimate with her partner before she showed symptoms of the virus. According to the Center for Disease Control, a female to male transmission remains rare. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY:** 7/23 Anchor Andrea Grymes reports on the first born baby with Zika related birth defects in New York.

The infant delivered this month has a condition called Microcephaly, which causes severe brain damage and shrunken skulls in newborns. The mother contracted the mosquito-borne virus while traveling in a Zika affected area outside the United States. The baby is being closely monitored by the health department.

**Government and Politics:** Topics in this category include: Police Commissioner Bill Bratton to retire his law enforcement career after four decades; Mayor de Blasio gives pay increases to his 500 staff members within the last year and about 90 employees got double digit increases; Governor Chris Christie has taken his school funding for New Jersey to the Supreme Court.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 9/24 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on an ex-Atlantic City Councilman and boardwalk businessman who has admitted to cheating the IRS of nearly one hundred twenty thousand dollars. John Schultz pleaded guilty in Federal Court to conspiracy to defraud the government. The seventy-four year old admitted that he and his business partners hid cash receipts from their boardwalk rolling chair business. 9/9 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports the Patrolman's Benevolent Associations' President Patrick Lynch made a statement that it is time for City Hall to stop the politics and to treat police and firefighters equally. He also stated that Mayor de Blasio should stop playing games with the lives of New York City cops. 9/1 Anchor Mary Calvi reports Police Commissioner Bill Bratton addresses the Citizens Crime Commission today in Manhattan. It will be one of his last official duties as this is Bratton's final week as New York City's Police Commissioner. He retires ending a four-decade career in law enforcement. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 9/8 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a bill passed by lawmakers in Suffolk County that will charge customers for plastic bags at checkout in stores. The controversial law just approved by legislatures applies to convenience stores, grocery stores, clothing and others. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 8/10 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports Governor Christie is on the defense after new court documents display his own staffer claims he lied about Bridgegate scandal. 8/26 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports Amtrak will receive a two and a half billion dollar loan for new trains and other improvements. The Federal Government loan will also be used towards track upgrades, station renovations and better platforms along the northeast corridor. 9/15 Anchor Dana Tyler reports New Jersey Governor Chris Christie has taken his school funding fight to the Supreme Court. Christie said education officials should be allowed to waive teacher contract rules they believe impede education in poor school districts. The governor also wants the Supreme Court to freeze the amount of money that goes to struggling districts while he works on a new funding formula. The New Jersey Education Association called Christie's request a political ploy. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 8/17 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on a government report which found many rail services have made little progress on installing safety technology designed to prevent collisions and derailments.

A law was passed by Congress in 2008 giving railroads seven years to install the positive train control system which was extended in 2015 to another three to five years. The following local rail systems New Jersey Transit, Long Island and Metro North are required to install the positive train control systems by 2018. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11 PM:** 9/29 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on the Bridgegate Trial update where key witnesses in the scandal said people close to Governor Christie prepped. According to published reports, David Wildstein testified two Christie allies helped prepare testimony that the closures were for a traffic study. He said they prepped former Port Authority of New York and New Jersey executive, Bill Baroni on what to tell lawmakers probing the incident. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY:** 8/13 Anchor Andrea Grymes reports Mayor de Blasio gave pay increases to his estimated 500 staff members within the last year and more than 90 employees got double digit increases. According to the Empire Center for Public Policy pay hikes added up to an extra two million dollars on the city payrolls. A spokesman for the mayor said the raises were necessary to retain valuable skilled staff. 9/17 Anchor Jessica Moore reports a heart attack patient dies while waiting for an ambulance to arrive on Long Island. The government is taking action to prevent critical care from taking too long to arrive. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY:** 8/21 Anchor Andrea Grymes reports the government announced it will phase out the use of private prisons. This decision is a result of an audit conducted by the Justice Department which found private facilities have more safety and security problems than those run by the government.

**Education:** Topics in this category include: The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers test is now required for all students in New Jersey to take and pass in order to graduate; a 15-year-old boy brought a gun to school on his first day in his backpack.

**CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 9/21 Anchor Chris Wragge reports a Staten Island elementary student got sick after drinking water from a school water fountain. High copper levels were found in the fountain at P.S. 19, also referred to as The Curtis School. The Department of Education said the fountain was one of several that got replaced over the summer and they believe the copper from the plumbing seeped into the water while it was sitting stagnant in the pipes. The DOE referred to this as an isolated incident and are working to ensure the water is safe. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 8/3 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports the state of New Jersey is making the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), test a requirement for all students in order to graduate. All students must receive a passing grade or they cannot graduate. The state decided students no longer have the option to opt out of the test. The Education Law Center and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), of New Jersey said the Board of Education is acting outside of its authority and a law must be passed by the legislature to change graduation requirements. New Jersey has required standardized tests for a couple of year but students had choices. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 9/8 Anchor Dana Tyler reports a 15-year-old male student brought a gun to school on his first day in NYC.

Investigators said the teenager showed up at the Brooklyn Center for Career Development with a 22 caliber gun in his backpack. The weapon was confiscated by school safety and no one was hurt but parents at the school are concerned. The Department of Education referred to the incident as deeply troubling and is working with the NYPD on the investigation.

**Consumer:** Topics in this category include: Samsung Galaxy Note 7 phones recalled due to fears of fire by the Federal Government and the Federal Aviation Administration; Yahoo reports a major data breach of over 500 million accounts containing personal information.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 7/26 Anchor Chris Wragge reports General Mills has recalled flour due to an E. Coli outbreak. The recall covers several varieties of Gold Medal and Signature Kitchen Flour. Federal Health officials have confirmed four new cases of E. Coli linked to the flour. 46 people in 21 states have gotten sick due to eating or handling uncooked dough or ate uncooked batter made with raw flour. The flour is safe when heated for baking or cooking. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 9/22 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on a data breach for 500 million Yahoo accounts. The stolen data includes names, phone numbers, encrypted passwords and security questions and answers. Yahoo claimed the attack happened about two years ago and the company is putting the blame on a foreign government but not mentioning which one. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 9/21 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on a recall involving the Samsung Galaxy Note 7 phone issued by the Federal Government and now the company itself. The recall is urging people to stop using their flagship phone over fears of fire. This warning comes after several incidents where the Samsung Galaxy Note 7 has caught on fire. The Consumer Product Safety Commission also issued a message to all users urging them to power down their Note 7 immediately. The Federal Aviation Administration has also warned passengers not use the device on planes or stow them in checked baggage.

**Crime:** Topics in this category include: an 85-year-old woman in a wheelchair robbed by a thief who struck up conversation with her in a store and fled with her purse in the Bronx; two innocent people shot dead after leaving their mosque in Ozone Park and L & B Spumoni Gardens owner was shot dead on his back steps of his home in Dyker Heights.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 7/8 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a mother, daughter duo arrested for a crime spree on Long Island. The duo stole a car parked in a parking lot of a Budget Inn in Massapequa and then drove to a nearby supermarket and the mother robbed an elderly woman of her handbag. The mother and daughter were both charged with robbery and grand larceny. 7/12 Anchor Mary Calvi reports two men were arrested during a protest outside Rikers Island jail. The men were charged with obstructing government administration and disorderly conduct. They were protesting inhumane conditions at Rikers. 8/5 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on a burglary involving two burglars at a discount health and beauty aid store on the Upper West Side. Police said the pair stole a total of twelve thousand dollars from a safe and two registers. 9/1 Anchor Mary Calvi reports a 60-year-old woman was fatally stabbed two blocks from her home in Jamaica, Queens. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 8/8 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on an investigation into a fire that took place on Staten Island and destroyed a lawn statue in support of Donald Trump. The homeowners claimed the statue; an eight by twelve foot 'T' went up in flames. It is suspected to have been torched by someone who disagrees with the owner's politics. The Fire Marshall has not yet determined the cause of the fire. In the meantime, the homeowner plans to work with the artist to put up an even larger 'T' this week. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 7/20 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on the murder of popular Brooklyn pizza shop L & B Spumoni Gardens owner, Louis Barbati. The owner was gunned down on the back steps of his home in Dyker Heights. Surveillance cameras caught the suspect walking near the crime scene. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 7/7 Anchor Dana Tyler reports the NYPD is searching for a suspect in the tire slashing sprees in Brooklyn. Surveillance video showed the suspect walking down Lefferts Boulevard in Crown Heights bending down slashing tires one by one. Investigators said he hit 12 cars in one night. Residents along the predominantly Jewish street awoke to find their tires slashed. Police are considering this a hate crime. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 8/17 Anchor Jessica Moore reports Imam Maulana Akonjee and his assistant Thara Uddin were killed after leaving their mosque in Ozone Park. Oscar Morel is charged in the murders. Muslim leaders are calling for justice for the two innocent people shot dead. 9/12 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on a robbery of an 85-year-old woman in a wheelchair. The thief began chatting with Bernie Starnes then snatched her purse and ran off in the Bronx. The purse contained about \$600.